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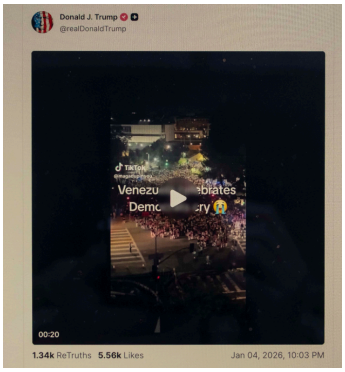
The Underside of UCLA Receives National Attention



From the UCLA Daily Bruin: *President Donald Trump mischaracterized a video of UCLA students participating in the quarterly Undie Run as Venezuelans celebrating the ousting of deposed President Nicolas Maduro in a post to his social media platform Truth Social on Sunday. The video showed people waiting at the intersection of Strathmore Drive and Gayley Avenue before the start of the Undie Run, a quarterly tradition in which students strip down to their undergarments and run across campus Thursday at midnight of finals week. A text overlay on the video read "Venezuela celebrates Democrats cry," with a crying emoji next to it.*

The White House did not respond in time to a request for comment...

Full story at https://dailybruin.com/2026/01/09/trump-mischaracterizes-undie-run-video-as-reaction-to-nicolas-maduro-capture.

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Straws in the Wind - Part 221

From the Brown Daily Herald: *Brown is launching an initiative to support healing and recovery after the Dec. 13 mass shooting in Barus and Holley, President Christina Paxson P'19 P'MD'20 announced in a Monday email to the Brown community. The initiative, called "Brown Ever True," will bring "together resources, programming and services focused on mental health, psychological wellness and ensuring a sense of physical security for our full community," Paxson wrote. Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion Matthew Guterl will lead the team*

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coordinating the initiative, and the Brown University Community Council will constitute the advisory body.

Paxson added that a "campus-wide service" honoring Ella Cook and Mukhammad Aziz Umurzokov and supporting the nine injured students is in the works for late January. Interim Vice President for Public Safety and Police Chief Hugh Clements announced a slew of new safety actions Dec. 30, including the transition of key-access buildings to card-access and the installation of additional security cameras...

Full story at https://www.browndailyherald.com/article/2026/01/paxson-announces-campus-wide-healing-and-recovery-effort.

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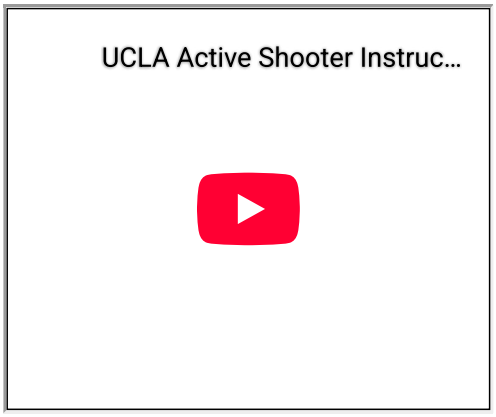
Note: We again provide a link below to the UCLA mass shooting training video:



Or direct to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WrbqmzCZS_A.

From the Yale Daily News: *A Buckley Institute report last month on the predominance of Democrats on the Yale faculty sparked criticism from conservatives about political imbalances in higher education — and prompted an apparent response from Yale. On Dec. 1, the organization released its Yale Faculty Political Diversity Report, which reported that 82.3 percent of the 1,666 faculty members examined are registered Democrats or primarily support Democratic candidates. Of the remaining faculty, 2.3 percent were found to be Republicans with the remaining 15.4 percent not affiliated with either major party. Of 43 departments that grant undergraduate degrees, 27 had no Republican faculty members at all, according to the report.*

...On Dec. 23, after the Buckley Institute report had been covered by several news outlets and received widespread attention online, Yale News released an unsigned "Statement regarding faculty political affiliations." While it did not specifically mention the Buckley Institute or its report, the statement addressed many of the concerns that arose from the release of the report earlier that month. "Yale hires and retains faculty based on academic excellence, scholarly distinction, and teaching achievement, independent of political views," the statement reads...

The Buckley Institute report took account of faculty members across the Law School, the School of Management and what it described as 43 "undergraduate degree-granting departments" at Yale. The institute used L2 Voter Data, a database of all registered voters in the United States, to determine each faculty member's political affiliation, according to the report. For individuals whose affiliation was unavailable or unaffiliated, the institute used the Federal Election Commission's campaign donation database. Faculty members whose affiliations were not accessible — 331 of the 1666 faculty members — were not accounted for in the final percentages...

Several conservative-leaning outlets, including Fox News, The New York Post and Campus Reform, which is described on its website as "a conservative watchdog in the nation's higher education system," covered the report's findings...

Full story at https://yaledailynews.com/blog/2026/01/12/buckley-report-on-liberal-faculty-gains-traction-and-yale-responds/.

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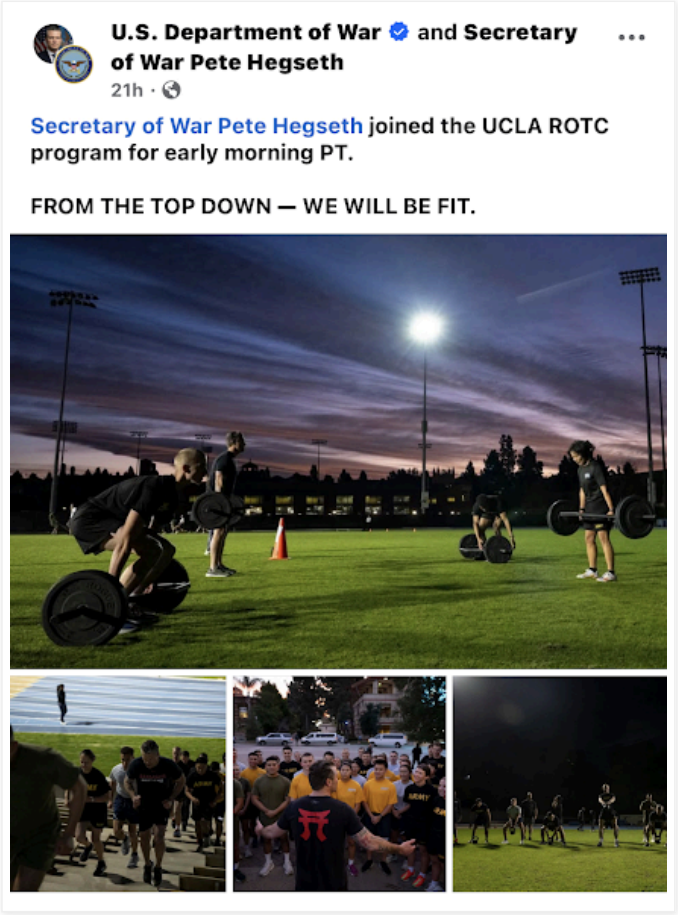
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1-9-2026: Secretary of War Pete Hegseth joined the UCLA ROTC program for early morning PT.

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Monday, January 12, 2026

Faculty Discipline & Name Disclosures

Modifications to faculty discipline processes are on the agenda of the systemwide Assembly of the Academic Senate later this week, Thursday, 2 PM, to be more precise. The proposed modifications result from dissatisfaction at the Regents with the pace of such procedures. Note that there will be discussion of these processes at the Regents next week (as seen on the regental agenda posted yesterday on this blog).

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Also on the agenda is leftover business from a special meeting dealing with disclosure of names to federal authorities.

You can read the full agenda (which also includes other matters) and register for a Zoom link at:

https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/_files/assembly/assembly-of-the-academic-senate-agenda-1-15-26.pdf.

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Straws in the Wind - Part 220

From the Chronicle for Higher Education: ...*Soon, Northwestern will have to come up with ways to teach its 9,500 international students about... the norms of free inquiry and open debate. It's one of several provisions administrators agreed to as part of a November deal with the Trump administration to restore nearly $800 million in frozen federal research funding. International students and their advocates are at odds over whether the unusual ask will help or hurt.*

...Under the terms of Northwestern's agreement, the university must provide the government with detailed admissions data, better enforce its campus demonstration policies, and conduct a campus-climate survey that asks students how they feel the university handles antisemitism. The university will also pay the government $75 million. Northwestern, which has a sizable population of international students hailing from 120 countries, also agreed to ask foreign applicants why they want to study in the United States and, upon request, provide the government with international students' disciplinary records...

Full story at https://www.chronicle.com/article/in-northwesterns-trump-agreement-international-students-singled-out-for-open-debate-training.

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Still More on the Need for a New Master Plan

UC President Clark Kerr
hands the Master Plan to Gov. Pat Brown in 1960

From EdSource: *The board of governors overseeing California's 116 community colleges... is expected to discuss proposed bachelor's degrees that have been blocked by California State University. The board is scheduled to meet Tuesday in Sacramento. The meeting agenda includes a discussion item on the system's baccalaureate degree program. State law allows the community colleges to offer bachelor's degrees*

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so long as they fill a local workforce need and don't duplicate what's offered by the state's four-year universities.

More than 50 bachelor's degrees are currently offered or will be offered soon at community colleges across the state, but several other proposals have stalled because of objections from CSU campuses, which argue the degrees would duplicate what they offer. In total, 16 proposed degrees are in limbo, including seven initially proposed in 2023. The local community colleges have grown increasingly frustrated, believing their proposed degrees are not duplicative and would serve students who otherwise would not pursue a bachelor's degree.

The board is not expected to take action at Tuesday's meeting, but the discussion could clarify whether some or all of the degrees will be approved soon...

Full story at https://edsource.org/updates/community-colleges-board-to-discuss-bachelors-degrees-amid-csu-objections.

Even during the 1950s, a period of rapid growth in California, there was a sense is that there wasn't enough money for higher ed if everyone did everything. That's why the Master Plan came about. Surely, there are more constraints on resources now than there were back then. (Nobody ever heard of Medi-Cal back in the 1950s, because that state program didn't exist. Nowadays, state and local governments cover a broader field than they did in the 1950s.)

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Labels: community colleges, CSU, Master Plan, politics

Sunday, January 11, 2026

UC Enrollment

	Fall 2025	Fall 2024	Year-over-year change (#)	Year-over-year change (%)
TOTAL*	301,093	299,407	1,686	0.6
UNDERGRADUATE	237,616	236,070	1,546	0.7
CALIFORNIA RESIDENT	200,532	198,736	1,796	0.9
NONRESIDENT	37,084	37,334	-250	-0.7
GRADUATE	63,421	63,219	202	0.3
NEW UNDERGRADUATE CALIFORNIA RESIDENT**	61,309	60,684	625	1.0
FIRST-YEAR	42,232	41,968	264	0.6
TRANSFER	19,077	18,716	361	1.9

*Includes postbaccalaureate students
**Includes a small number of "other" new students not identified as first-year or transfer students

Headcount numbers for UC and the campuses were released last Thursday. A summary is above.

Detailed information is at:

https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/fall-enrollment-glance.

Note: The total headcount for UCLA was 47,435, up slightly from the prior year.

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